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In December, 2011, the US Fish and Wildlife Service officially removed the Western Great Lakes wolves from the endangered Species Act. The long overdue move restored state management of wolf populations in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and some adjoining states where wolves have been wreaking havoc on livestock, pets, and wildlife populations. Wisconsin and Minnesota have approved limited hunting seasons to help control the wolf population.

From December 2100 to the present many reports have been received from all regions of the Upper Peninsula on abundance of wolves. Examples: DNR removes wolves from city limits, farmers reporting loss of farm animals, hunters who utilize dogs in the pursuit of game with wounded and dead animals from wolves, country living citizens report wolves are getting into their garbage, loggers getting concealed carry permits because they are afraid to be certain areas of the forests, trappers reporting catching too many wolves in traps set for other furbearing animals.

The Department of Natural Resources is already issuing permits to farmers who are having problems. This was a start, but not the answer. HUNTING AND TRAPPING is the most effective means of controlling the wolf population. Michigan needs to get on board with the other Great Lakes States and approve hunting and trapping seasons.

This information and recommendation is highly recommended by the Upper Peninsula Sportsman Alliance, the voice of the UP Sportsmen.

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